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The bill provides \$53 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and \$56.6

billion for mandatory VA programs, \$23.3 billion for military construction and family housing, and \$1.4 billion

for military construction projects in support of the war in Afghanistan.

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bill includes \$48.2 billion for VA medical programs.

The bill provides funding to address several significant priorities, including:

- Renovating surplus building on VA medical campuses to use as housing for homeless veterans;
- Increasing the number of VA outpatient clinics in rural communities where veterans do not have ready access to VA hospitals;
- Accelerating the Army's program to modernize troop housing for trainees;
- Addressing critical unfunded construction requirements of the Guard and reserve;
- Providing mortgage relief to military families required to relocate during the current mortgage crisis;
- Expediting environmental cleanup on closed military bases; and

- Investing in renewable and alternative energy initiatives on military installations.

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